

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. - 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The setup support system according to claim 4,~~ A setup support system which supports setup of a computer, including installation of an operating system to be installed in a plurality of storage mediums where a RAID configuration is to be constructed, comprising:

a physical access unit configured to execute physical access to the storage mediums without intervening the operating system;

an interface unit configured to execute input operations for configuration setup of the computer, including construction of the RAID configuration, at once;

a setting parameter management unit configured to store setting parameters representing input setting contents in at least one of the storage mediums before the construction of the RAID configuration by using the physical access unit;

a medium setting unit configured to construct the RAID configuration while accessing the setting parameters stored in the at least one of the storage mediums by using the physical access unit; and

a setup unit configured to execute setup of the computer after the construction of the RAID configuration, including generation of a disk partition in each of the storage

mediums where the RAID configuration is constructed and installation of the operating system, while accessing the setting parameters stored in the at least one of the storage mediums by using the physical access unit,

wherein:

the setup unit converts the setting parameters read out by using the physical access unit into a data format under management of the operating system and stores the setting parameters again in the storage mediums, and

~~wherein~~ the setup unit stores status data representing a progress situation of the generation of the disk partition in each of the storage mediums where the RAID configuration is constructed and the installation of the operating system in the storage mediums in a data format under management of the operating system and reads out the status data from the storage mediums as needed.

6. - 10. (Canceled)